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Memorandum on R.C. D'Aquino

Romeo Cunha D'Aquino, Portuguese Eurasian, was born in Hongkong in the year 1898. He is registered with the local Portuguese Consulate and holds passport No. 971 issued in Shanghai on June 30, 1929.

D'Aquino has been domiciled in Shanghai since 1900 and was educated at St. Francis Xavier's College. He is an accomplished pianist and is able to speak English, Spanish and Chinese (Mandarin, Cantonese and Shanghai Dialect). He is an office assistant by calling, but apart from a period of about twenty months during 1918-20 when he was assistant clerk in H.B.M.'s Supreme Court for China, he has held very little regular employment. During the past few years he has contrived to support himself on odd jobs either as a salesman or musician.

At the present time D'Aquino is a very sick man and appears to be suffering from tuberculosis in an advanced stage. Efforts have been made by interested persons to persuade him to enter the Municipal Sanatorium but he definitely refuses to do so. He has been registered with the Employment Registration Centre of the Salvation Army since October 1933, but there is little likelihood of his obtaining employment owing to the precarious state of health.

D'Aquino until recently resided in an attic room in No. 1011 Avenue Joffre. His present whereabouts, however, are unknown.

Notes:

The following information regarding a man named R. D'Aquino, who might possibly be identical with R.C. D'Aquino, is taken from S.E.R. File 2710 dated January 1933:

"During the early morning of September 20, 1921, three foreigners, W.E. Dismeyer, German Eurasian, Hadjee Mohamed, British Indian Eurasian and R. D'Acquino, Portuguese Eurasian of British nationality, falsely represented themselves to be officials of the Mixed Court and forcibly entered a Chinese dwelling at 274 North Szechuan Road. They accused the lady of the house, one Wong Kwo Iung (王桂榮), of being a prostitute and demanded \$50. As the money was not forthcoming they took a gold ring and a pair of jade ear-rings. W.E. Dismeyer and Hadjee Mohamed were subsequently arrested and sentenced to terms of imprisonment. Efforts to arrest R. D'Acquino were unsuccessful and he is believed to have left Shanghai."

Efforts to prove definitely that R.C. D'Acquino and R. D'Acquino are one and the same person have been unsuccessful. It is known, however, that R.C. D'Acquino was a British subject prior to his registration some years ago at the Portuguese Consulate. There is no record of any warrant having been taken out and it appears that the case was dropped following the conviction of Dismeyer and Hadjee Mohamed.

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